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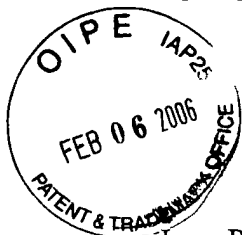
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office action mailed November 3, 2005, Applicants hereby propose to amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. It is believed that there are no fees associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response, including but not limited to a petition for extension of time, to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the application as follows: